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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

PUBLIC NOTICE

IMPORT TRADE CONTROL

New Delhi, the 8th July, 1957

SUBJECT:—*Import of 'Fruits, all sorts, excluding coconuts and cashewnuts, fresh, dried, salted or preserved n.o.s. and excluding dates' (S. No. 21(a)/IV) and Asafoetida (S. No. 31/V) from Afghanistan.*

No. 47-ITC(PN)/57.—Attention of importers is invited to the late Ministry of Commerce and Consumer Industries' Public Notice No. 46-ITC(PN)/56 dated 27th October, 1956 according to which the special transit procedure for imports from Afghanistan was withdrawn and imports from Afghanistan were subjected to the general system of import trade control.

2. With a view to promoting the trade between India and Afghanistan in terms of the arrangement recently agreed upon between the two countries, it has been decided to exempt with effect from the 1st July, 1957, imports of Fruits (dried and fresh) falling under S. No. 21(a)/IV and Asafoetida falling under S. No. 31/V from Afghanistan from the procedure of quota licensing. The import of these commodities will, from that date, be licensed, subject to a fixed monetary ceiling, *ad hoc* only through the Approved Importers in India who have participated in the Indo-Afghan trade in these commodities during the last four years ending 30 the June, 1956.

3. Intending Importers should apply for registration to the Deputy Chief Controller of Imports, Central Licensing Area, New Delhi, or the Joint Chief Controller of Imports & Exports, Bombay, as the case may be, giving the following particulars:—

- (1) Name and address of the firm.
- (2) Name (s) of Proprietor(s) Directors, etc.
- (3) Branches, if any, and addresses thereof.
- (4) Statement actual imports from Afghanistan of fruits (dried and fresh) and Asafoetida during each of the four years ending 30th June, 1956, in the form prescribed in Appendix VI of the Red Book for January-June, 1957 for the establishment of quotas.
- (5) Whether the firm undertakes exports to Afghanistan; if so number of the E.P.I. licence issued by the Reserve Bank of India.
- (6) Whether the firm will finance its trade through E.P.I. procedure or through the Special Account (please see para 7 below). The above information should be furnished on affidavits.

4. Applications should reach the licensing authorities by the 26th July, 1957.

5. After scrutiny of the applications, the firms will be registered as Approved Importers for purposes of undertaking imports of fruits (dried and fresh) and Asafoetida from Afghanistan in accordance with the procedure outlined in this Public Notice and registration certificates will be issued to them.

6. Applications in the prescribed form for the import of fruits (dried and fresh) and Asafoetida from Approved Importers will be considered as and when received and Customs Clearance Permits will be issued on an *ad hoc* basis. The applications should be supported by evidence of contracts made with exporters in Afghanistan. The name of the exporter in Afghanistan, the quantity and price at which contract has been made should be furnished.

7. Imports will be effected by the Approved Importers subject to the following conditions:—

- (a) Payments for fruits (dried and fresh) and asafoetida will be made by the importers either in accordance with E.P. and E.P.I. procedures prescribed by the Reserve Bank of India or to a Special Rupee Account to be opened by an Afghan bank authorised by the Government of the Royal Kingdom of Afghanistan in this behalf with any commercial bank in India of their choice;
- (b) A monthly report of the goods imported shall be submitted to the licensing authority concerned;
- (c) A Similar monthly report of the goods exported against the imports effected under E.P. or E.P.I. arrangements shall be furnished to the concerned licensing authorities.

S. K. SINHA,
Chief Controller of Import & Exports.